

I find it hard to believe that NAB's petition 04-160 is even up for consideration. I turned to XM Radio two years ago because I had gotten so sick and tired of what I was being forced to listen to on local AM and FM stations - ad after ad followed by the inane shock jock blather with one of a handful of the same songs thrown in from time to time.

In my opinion, XM is what radio should be. I get the quality and variety of programming I want, wherever I am and whenever I want it. I pay for it and am glad to do so given the alternative. And if I want local content, including news/traffic/weather through XM, why shouldn't I be able to get it if XM is willing to provide it? If the NAB is concerned about the dollars its constituents are losing in the face of competition from XM, Sirius, and others, then it would be better served to help these broadcasters learn what it would take to improve their services and try to win back those of us they've alienated with their inferior product. As well, they need to do it on their own dime and not through any fee levied on satellite providers if that kind of nonsense is anywhere in the offing.

I like what I get from XM Radio but, more importantly, I like my freedom of choice. I thank you for your consideration and strongly urge you to reject NAB petition 04-160.